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Dear Lin,

Thank you very much for your letter and invitation. It is very pleasant to be offered another chance of seeing friends at Stanford, and I would be very pleased to help you if possible. However, there are difficulties.

I have a good number of reasons to be here in July or at least for part of it. Most of these engagements are flexible as to their date and could be shifted to an early or late part of it, except one, the arrival of a computer, in the management of which I shall have some responsibility. It seems to me, however that I would be able to spend a maximum of three weeks in Stanford without serious impairment of my local engagements. I have not sufficient information about your summer course, in order to understand whether this would be adequate, and could be fitted into your time schedules, or not. For one thing, I do not know how many lectures you would have expected of me. A course like Li's might demand anything between 15 and 30 lectures, depending on how deep into the subject one is expected to go. The fact, however, that the only requirement is "one course in genetics", and no calculus, limits considerably the type of presentation. I would imagine that the kind of course I gave in 1960 at Stanford might be adequate, except that the emphasis should now be shifted from data to methods. If this meant lecturing more than once a day, at least on average, I would not mind it, but I do not know how this could fit your schedules. I think I would cover more or less the same general programme as Li. Incidentally, Li does not give, in his summary, the analysis of twin data, at least not explicitly. I think it should be included. I could of course, send you a syllabus.

Please let me know if the time I could have available for Stanford would meet your needs. If it does, let me know if you have preferences for the first, middle or late part of the course. At the moment I have some preference for the middle or late time of the course. But I have to reckon with the arrival of the computer.

If this can be arranged to be in a time suitable for me (and you), well and good. If it should arrive at the beginning of July, I would be in trouble in accepting your invitation.

I hope to know soon if I can arrange things so as to be absent for three weeks. At the moment, however, my answer has to be maybe, but I can very probably (90%) turn it into a yes in a maximum of ten days after taking contact with all the people concerned. But I would need to know if my presence for only a part of the course would be compatible with your interests. I do not understand enough of the organization of the course to see if this conflicts or not with your plans, and how flexible these are.

I wish to thank you for your kind offer to be a guide to my excursions. As I will not be able in any case, to be in Stanford before or after the course, I will be unable to take advantage of it. I would hope to have a chance this time to see more of you, but you will probably be a very busy man that time of the year.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Joshua.

Yours

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